

# Farmington News



## a new look for an old friend

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**F**or almost three decades Farmington residents have enjoyed reading the City newsletter. Farmington News has provided a meaningful line of communication between City officials and City residents. We all have come to rely on this point of connection.

**T**o make the newsletter an even more powerful and complete communication tool, City officials are changing its look and length. By inviting sponsorships from Farmington businesses and using current technology, we have designed a full-color, six page newsletter that will actually cost the City less to publish than its predecessor. The newsletter will continue to keep you updated on City business and policies. It will provide you with a schedule of various leisure services, as well as a calendar of community events. It will also include human interest stories and photos that celebrate the vital and unique character of Farmington.

**B**efore moving forward, it is important to look back. We cannot do that without thanking Susan

Tanner Holmes. Susan has been an integral part of Farmington City's inner workings for many years. She shaped the ideas and format for Farmington News 28 years ago and has coordinated its production ever since. Now Susan has chosen to pursue other endeavors. Thank you, Susan, for your devotion to the community.

**A**s part of the change, a new name for the newsletter is being considered. We would like a name that reflects both our heritage and the character of our present community. Since the newsletter is for you residents, we invite you to submit your ideas. Please send proposals for a new name to [jill@bluepebblepress.com](mailto:jill@bluepebblepress.com). ■

Form a team or sponsor for Farmington City's first **Relay for Life.**



*Relay for Life is a community gathering, not an athletic event.*

Interested? Please contact Farmington's Special Events Coordinator, Andrea Opfar at 451-8989 or [opfars@aol.com](mailto:opfars@aol.com)

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**FESTIVAL  
DAYS  
JULY  
8TH**





# City Considering Major Building Projects

by Mayor Scott Harbertson

The City of Farmington is considering four major construction projects: two new City buildings, a remodel of and addition to City Hall, and a new City shop facility. The City recently hired Edwards-Daniels Architects to develop schematic site proposals, floor plans and elevation drawings for the first three projects. The developers of Station Park, a 62-acre mixed use development adjacent to the commuter rail station, have offered to finance and build a new City shop facility at a new location in trade for the existing facility. The developers believe the existing City Public Works maintenance yard is a visual distraction to the planned upscale Station Park as illustrated below. Should the City and developer reach agreement, construction could begin in the spring. Although the City is still at the preliminary planning stage on these projects, the City Council and I thought this is the time to present some of our ideas and to explain why construction should occur now rather than later. Here are some of our thoughts.

## **Four City buildings under consideration:**

1 Construct new Police Station within the Station Park Development (approximate Size 13,000 sq. ft.).

2 Construct new addition to City Hall and do some remodeling to existing space (the expansion would increase the size of City Hall from 7800 sq. ft. to about 14,000 sq. ft.).

3 Construct a new Leisure Service Office with more storage and work space next to the swimming pool (approximately 4000 sq. ft.).

4 Reconstruct and relocate the City Public Works Building and maintenance yard (developer financed).

## **Why such an ambitious building plan?**

### **Police**

Full-time fire coverage cannot be accommodated without moving the police.

The police department has outgrown their space needs. When the City's population is at build out (10+ years) the department's employees will more than double.

The City has collected police facility impact fees paid by developers, which will help pay part of the cost of the building.

### **City Hall Addition & Remodel**

There is no additional space left to add new employees that will surely be needed. The existing building

was completed in 1984. Initially it housed eight employees; now there are seventeen. Within ten years, others will be needed. When the building was completed, the population was around 6,000; now it is 16,000. At build-out, Farmington will likely be around 27,000.

### **Leisure Services Department Office & Storage**

When the Public Works Building is rebuilt in a new location, it will likely be inconvenient for Leisure Service patrons. It is a good time to split these two municipal functions which are not really compatible for co-location.

The swimming pool and the Community Center are the heart of the Leisure Services Department. Their offices need to be adjacent to provide easy citizen access.

The costs of the building will be covered by sale of a house owned by the City adjacent to the Community Center and by City Parks and Recreation impact fees.

## **Why should these facilities be constructed now?**

Building costs are escalating. Now is the time to build. Municipal

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**Station Park** is an upscale lifestyle center coming to Farmington. Construction on the first phase is planned to begin in spring 2007. Station Park's projected opening will coincide with the completion of the Commuter Rail Station and Legacy Parkway.



Tues 4	Happy Independence Day	
Beginning Tues 4	15th LeConte Stewart Landscape Art Competition	Heritage Museum 403 N Wasatch Dr. Layton 336-3930
Beginning Wed 5	Utah House Evening in the Garden	920 S 50 W Kaysville 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Beginning Thurs 6	Cancer Screening Clinic For Women Sponsored by Health Department	Lakeview Hospital For an appointment call 451-3230
Sat 8	Festival Days	For details: <a href="http://www.farmington.utah.gov">www.farmington.utah.gov</a> Andrea Opfar 451-8989
Tues 11	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm For agenda see <a href="http://www.farmington.utah.gov">www.farmington.utah.gov</a>
Wed 12	Town Hall Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Thurs 13	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm For agenda see <a href="http://www.farmington.utah.gov">www.farmington.utah.gov</a>
Mon 24	Happy Pioneer Day	
Beginning Wed 26	Mizuno Invitational Fastpitch Softball Tournament	Barnes Sportsplex 950 W 200 N Kaysville
Thurs 27	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm For agenda see <a href="http://www.farmington.utah.gov">www.farmington.utah.gov</a>
Thurs 27 Fri 28 Sat 29	"Into the Woods JR" Summer Musical Theatre	Woodland Park 300 S 200 E, Farmington Tickets: 451-0953



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Fire Department .....451-2842  
Emergency .....911

## After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150  
Public Works Department..451-2624  
Storm Water Maintenance.451-2624  
Parks .....451-2624  
Leisure Services .....451-0953  
Building Inspection.....451-2383  
Water Department.....451-2624  
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383  
Animal Control .....444-2200  
Garbage .....825-3800  
Benchland Water District...482-4929  
Weber Water District.....771-1677

## Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Council Chambers. Work Sessions begin at 5:30 pm.

## Planning Commission

Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

## Farmington City Hall

130 North Main  
P O Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025





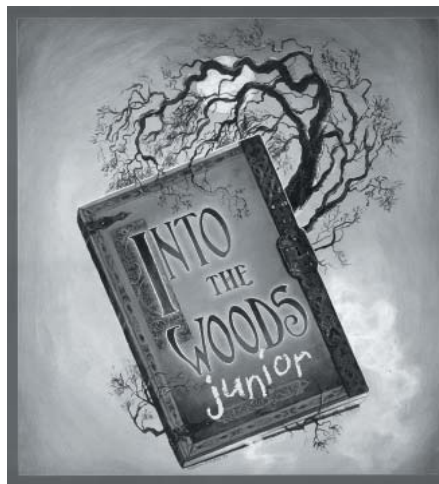
## Into the Woods JR

*Summer Musical Theatre  
presented by the  
Farmington City Arts Council*

When a baker and his wife learn they've been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door, they embark on a quest for the special objects required to break the spell, swindling, deceiving and stealing from Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack (the one who climbed the beanstalk!)

Sondheim and Lapine present a cock-eyed view of everyone's favorite fairytale characters in this hysterical take on the Brothers Grimm.

July 27, 28 & 29 and Aug 3, 4, & 5th at 8:00 pm at Woodland Park (300 S 200 E). \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 for a family up to 5 people. Tickets will be available at Leisure Services 451-0953 (720 W 100 N) or online at [www.farmington.utah.gov](http://www.farmington.utah.gov). Great Family Activity! Bring your own blankets or chairs.



### .....SIGN-UP TODAY.....

Football sign ups July 3-21:  
Fee \$145 includes \$50 refundable deposit  
Tennis: Fee \$30  
Summer Art: Fee \$64  
Mad Science: Fee \$50  
Youth Cooking: Fee \$30  
Archery: Fee \$30  
Scout Archery: Fee \$35

For more information on these classes please visit Farmington's website [www.farmington.utah.gov](http://www.farmington.utah.gov)

**Upcoming:**  
**Dinner Theatre Auditions**  
for  
**"Arsenic and Old Lace"**  
will be held in August.

Performances will be  
October 12, 13 & 14th.  
Watch for more details in the  
August Newsletter or go to  
[www.farmington.utah.gov](http://www.farmington.utah.gov)

**the arts**  
FARMINGTON CITY ARTS COUNCIL

## WANTED

**The Arts Council**  
is looking for local  
artists who wish to display  
their work in the Farmington  
Festival Days Art Show  
in July.  
Contact Leisure Services for  
more information.  
451- 0953

**The Arts Council**  
is looking for board  
members to fill 2 vacancies  
for 3 year terms.  
If interested, please contact  
Leisure Services.  
451-0953

**to give the  
Farmington newsletter  
a new name.**  
**Send your idea to**  
**[jill@bluepebblepress.com](mailto:jill@bluepebblepress.com)**



# Gunter & Moselle Neumann

true Farmington treasures

*Even those who don't know the Neumanns by name have likely been touched by their generous community spirit. We'd like to celebrate Gunter and Moselle. They are two of Farmington's true treasures.*

As a child growing up in one of Utah's German immigrant families, Gunter Neumann learned the value of faith, family, and community-- not to mention hard work. Gunter's father spent 19 years as a main dough mixer for The Royal Bakery in Salt Lake City before buying his own small bakery west of the Farmington Cemetery. He named it The Bread Basket. Throughout his boyhood, Gunter worked side

"We wouldn't replace all the open space for the good quality of people that have moved to Farmington."



Gunter & Moselle Neumann

by side with his father. He also saved enough to buy a 40-acre farm, which he sold to go on an LDS mission. Gunter jokes that he sold his farm for his wife Moselle, because it was on his mission in Switzerland that he met her.

Moselle Geddes grew up in Preston, Idaho, but her abilities created opportunities for her that lay far beyond her quiet life of rural Idaho. As a young woman, Moselle taught typing and shorthand and she studied art. Her excellent secretarial skills helped her secure a position with the U.S. Department of State, and she was assigned to the US Embassy in Switzerland. Had she not met Gunter there, we residents of Farmington may never have had the good fortune to know her.

Luckily for us, more than fifty years ago Gunter and Moselle chose to make Farmington their home. They have raised six children and run a successful baking business. But in terms of the community, they have contributed much more than that.

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financing rates are still very favorable.

***How will this affect my pocket book? Is the City planning to increase property tax rates to pay these costs?***

**There should be no increases in fees or tax rates to pay for these proposed buildings.** The property tax rates will be kept at the same level. New growth in assessed valuation (new residential and non-residential buildings city wide) will generate sufficient new property taxes to pay for debt retirement on the new loans. Also, the bonds that were issued for the swimming pool and Public Works building will soon be retired. Tax dollars reserved for this debt service will be applied toward retiring the new debt.

***When can I hear a little more about the proposal?***

The City Council, City Staff and I are working with the architects and financial advisors to determine space requirements and specific locations for the new facilities. As I said, we are in the preliminary planning stages, but we are intending to hold a bond election in November. As we continue in our planning and deliberations, I am sure there will be many refinements and ideas generated that may change parts of our initial thinking. Meanwhile we wanted to introduce the ideas in some detail to you. We would be pleased to hear from you about these ideas. Please feel free to communicate with us. ■

***Thanks***

For many years Tammy Boyce has given dedicated service to the community she loves. Farmington is a better place for us all because of her efforts. Many thanks!

Gunter & Moselle Neumann continued

Have you driven down 200 East during December and admired the towering spruce tree aglow with lights? For 38 years, Gunter, and now his son Reed, have climbed the trunk to the top and crept onto the high branches until they start to bow. Using various lengths of sticks, they extend strands of Christmas lights to the outer branches. It takes two or three days to complete the task, but the Neumanns say they enjoy doing it.

Or how about Halloween? Each October 31st, Gunter and Moselle, along with some of their family and friends, bake 1,000 donuts for trick-or-treaters. The word is apparently out, because people come by the vanloads to enjoy a homemade donut. Children, their parents, and even late-night teenagers are anxious to visit the Neumann home. "Everyone is welcomed. The tradition will continue on," says Moselle.

Gunter recalls that once, when he was mowing his lawn, a little boy came to the yard.

"Hi feller, what can I do for you?" Gunter questioned. The boy said he had just come to buy some donuts.

"I only make them at Halloween. You'll have to come back at Halloween to get the donuts."

After a slight hesitation, the boy said, "Okay, I'll come at Halloween, but I'm going to have to have more than one donut. One just ain't enough!"

Gunter and Moselle Neumann know the meaning of community, and we are all better for the spirit they share with us. ■

### Introducing Andrea Opfar

Farmington's Special Events Coordinator, Andrea Opfar, works on Festival Days, Pioneer Christmas and Relay for Life, as well as helping with the Youth Community Council. There are many opportunities to volunteer for special events. If you're interested, please contact Andrea at 451-8989 or opfars@aol.com.



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